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Reunion of Vets to Be Held at Harrodsburg in September.

Harrodsburg, Ky., March 31.—At the reunion at Greensburg last year, it was decided that the Mexican veterans should meet at this place this year. In accordance with the above, the local committee met yesterday and selected Tuesday, September 20, as the day.

Great preparations will be made to entertain the old soldiers, and it is the wish of the committee that every Mexican veteran in the state attend if possible.

Colson and Berry Want to Fight.
Washington, March 31.—Kentucky has two congressmen who announce their intention of going to the front in case of war with Spain.

"The Tall Sycamore of the Licking," Col. Al Berry, an ex-Confederate colonel, says he would be happy if he could organize a regiment of the old fellows and their sons in Kentucky, and knows he can do so. He says they were not afraid of American bullets, and he knows they would not flinch when it came to facing Spanish lead.

Col. Berry says if he is needed, he will be found ready to lead and blaze the way in the march to Cuba.

Congressman Colson is another who will go to the front and don uniform as soon as needed.

Representative Rhea, of the Third district, thinks the Spanish flotilla, en route to Porto Rico, should be intercepted. He says it should never be allowed to reach Cuban waters during this stage of affairs. He regards the situation as critical, and thinks Spain is playing for an advantage and will strike when least expected.

The one member of the house whose patriotism cannot be held in check is Representative Broussard, of Louisiana, who has resigned to go home. He will organize a regiment of the men who are tried and true, he says, and be ready when needed. He thinks war is inevitable, and says he has spoken and voted for hostilities, and will always speak and vote to the same end as long as the present conditions exist.

Flour Mill Plant.
Hodgenville, Ky., March 31.—Mr. Ernest Perry is looking around here with the prospect of locating a large flouring mill plant in Hodgenville.

To Keep Out Smallpox.
Owensboro, Ky., March 31.—Mayor Small has issued a proclamation ordering a general vaccination in this city, and the order is being pretty generally obeyed.

Pop Bottle Bursting.
Mr. Chas. Bundy was painfully injured at Mr. Nam B. Gott's saloon by a pop bottle bursting in his hand. It was painfully cut by the broken glass.

Notice.
Wanted 400 colored people to attend the Masonic entertainment at Old Fellows hall, Friday night, April 1.

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BIRDSEYE VIEW OF HAVANA HARBOR.

SPAIN WILL REFUSE M'KINLEY'S DEMANDS.

General Belief That Spain's Answer Will Be Received Today, and That it Will Be "No."

SPAIN'S REFUSAL WILL BRING A DECLARATION OF WAR.

The President Will Send His War Declaration Message to Congress Next Monday.

HAS SPAIN GIVEN HER ANSWER?

Rumor That Her Reply Has Been Filed in the Madrid Cable Office Refusing All Demands.

NEW YORK STATE TO THE FRONT.

Appropriates One Million Dollars for a State Defense Fund. The Bill Passed Today With a Rush.

HOPE OF PEACE ABOUT ABANDONED.

Washington, March 31.—There is an air of solemnity about the White house this afternoon that forebodes evil. It is believed here that the crisis has come and that the President knows that war is a certainty. It is stated that advices have been received that the reply of Spain to McKinley's ultimatum has been filed in the cable office at Madrid, and that Spain declines to comply with every demand made.

Less excitement is visible today than at any time this week. But it is because of the unanimous belief that the diplomatic struggle is over and that war is a certainty.

War preparations are being rushed to such a manner as can only precede the near beginning of hostilities.

Washington, March 31.—The situation today has assumed a decidedly warlike appearance. It is conceded at the state department today that Spain will positively refuse to accede to the demands contained in President McKinley's ultimatum and that her answer may be received this afternoon. Sagasta is standing firm and refuses to yield. He is enthusiastically backed by the Spanish people. The leading Spanish papers all urge war, and say that Spain must keep a stiff back bone. From the cable dispatches it is evident that the Spanish papers believe that the desire manifested in this country for war is all bluster, and they have mistaken the moderation of the president to be an evidence that this nation will not force war.

Washington, March 31.—Both the president and congress are now ready to act. The reply of Spain to the president's ultimatum is anxiously awaited and is expected at any moment.

It is believed that her answer will be a refusal to grant any of the demands of the president, and that such refusal means war.

In case of Spain's refusal, the president will act precipitately, but will send a message, which will virtually declare war, to congress on Monday. Such is the program today.

Congress is ready to act at once, but will wait for today's develop-

ments before doing anything. No message will go to congress today.

The president thoroughly understands the will of the people. He knows that public opinion demands a war or the freedom of Cuba. He has given Spain every opportunity. But he will wait no longer. If Spain refuses our demands today, congress will take up the matter tomorrow.

In case of war Cuba will be freed and no indemnity at all will be paid to Spain by the Cubans.

NEW YORK STATE
Makes a Big Appropriation for State Defense.

Albany, N. Y., March 31.—The state legislature today appropriated \$1,000,000 for a state defense fund. The bill was rushed through and signed in an incredibly short time.

PEACE WITH HONOR.

Spain Wants It, and the Pope Hopes for That Solution.

New York, March 31.—Among the middle classes the idea of honorable peace has taken a firm hold and prodigious work is being done by the ministry when it announces peaceful results, says the Herald's correspondent at Madrid.

It is understood that the Pope, through the papal nuncio, conveys his approval and more still, of peace and Spain is his pet child. In the palace there is no doubt of the sentiments, for the Queen is the warmest advocate of peace and has grieved for three years over the Cuban war. She will support with all her strength the great opportunity which has fallen to the lot of her country to secure peace with honor.

Says Spain Won't Surrender Cuba.
Havana, March 31.—The Diario de Marino, commenting editorially yesterday on the strained relations between Spain and the United States and the hopes expressed here that the end of the trouble may be that the United States will declare in favor of the independence of Cuba and not for the annexation of Cuba and not for the independence of the island, says: "Spain will spend her last dollar before giving Cuba up to either the insurgents or the Americans."

FRANCE READY TO MEDIATE.
Awaiting an Opportunity to Tender Its Good Offices.

Washington, March 31.—There is little doubt that the French government is ready to tender its good offices as mediator between the United States and Spain if any intimation is conveyed by this country that such offices would be acceptable. Without such intimation it is doubtful whether France will take the initiative.

In diplomatic circles it is pointed out that the interests of France, both material and sentimental, favor an avoidance of war. One material reason is that France is preparing for the international exposition, when the world's tide of travel will be turned toward the French capital. It is said that war at such a time would be seriously prejudicial to this great project. Another material interest affecting France is that her citizens own many Spanish securities,

so that any decline resulting from war would fall largely on French capitalists. While these are important considerations urging France to avert hostilities, yet they are not, of course, such as could be advanced as the actual grounds for a tender of good offices. Such a move would be pronounced solely on sentimental grounds, namely, on the friendship of France for both parties engaged in this controversy.

CAPT. MAHAN'S VIEW.

Naval Authority Says War is Imminent and Victory Certain.

New York, March 31.—Capt. A. T. Mahan, author of "The Influence of Sea Power Upon History," before sailing for Europe, said:

"War is imminent. There must either be fighting or a backward somewhere. No one who knows the feeling of the Cuban insurgents believes for a moment that they can be induced to submit. Spain surely will not take a backward step. To do so would be to overthrow the monarchy, and it would be quite as bad for the United States to recede from its position."

Capt. Mahan says the United States could not fail to win, even if it were badly behind both in the number of ships and the quality of ordnance.

"For," he explained, "it is not ships, it is not guns, it is not armor plate primarily that win in a fight, but men, and American men are superior in physique, power of endurance, marksmanship, and moral courage to Spanish men. I do not mean to decry the Spaniards and I have no prejudice against them because they are not Americans, but I have studied carefully and I cannot hold otherwise than that they are inferior to our men in the qualities named."

As for armed intervention by any European power in Spain's behalf, Capt. Mahan believes that the most unlikely thing in the world.

BANK'S GENEROUS PROMISE.

Salaries of Clerks Who Go to the Front Will Not Be Stopped.

New York, March 31.—Such members of the National Guard as are employed in the Chemical National bank can answer a call to active service, in case it comes, without worrying over their positions and salaries while away. Five of the bank's employees are members of the militia, two in the 23d Regiment, one in the 13th, of the New York State Guard, another in the Brooklyn Signal Corps, and the fifth in the Gatling Gun company, of Orange, N. J.

Cashier Herpin announced today that in case these men were called on for active duty the bank would hold their positions for them until their return, and would continue their full salaries in their absence. Cashier Herpin is himself a retired member of the militia, having been forced by press of work when he became cashier of the bank, to resign.

DEAL WITH DENMARK.
United States Said To Have Bought Three Islands and Five War Vessels.

New York, March 31.—A special to the Journal and Advertiser from Washington says:

There is some reason to believe that the government has made a most important deal with a foreign nation which will have a most important bearing upon our relations with Spain.

It is said that negotiations have been concluded for the cession to this country of three Danish islands in the West Indies—St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix.

It is also understood that Denmark sells to this country two cruisers and three torpedo-boat destroyers.

The price for the whole is said to be \$15,000,000. Nothing can be learned of the details, but it is reported that the islands were sold for about \$9,000,000 and the war vessels for about \$6,000,000.

The islands will be used as coaling stations and as a base for naval action.

BOUGHT A STEEL YACHT.

The United States Becomes the Owner of An Italian Vessel.

Palermo, March 31.—The Giornale di Sicilia announces that the United States has bought the steel yacht Argus, belonging to the



SECRETARY OF THE NAVY LONG.
John D. Long is a native of Maine, a graduate of Harvard, a lawyer, an ex-congressman, an ex-governor of Massachusetts, a translator of "Virgil" and an ex-president of the Massachusetts Peace society. He is 59 years of age.

Florida-Rubattino company for a dispatch boat. The price is \$20,000 (\$30,000).

The Argus was built at Greenock by Scott & Co. in 1896. She has a registered tonnage of 475,165, is 264.7 feet long, 31.65 in breadth and 18.3 in depth and is schooner rigged.

CLEVELAND TO HEARST.

Ex-President's Opinion of Yellow Journal Advising Methods.

New York, March 31.—The following correspondence explains itself.

New York, February 27, 1898.—To Grover Cleveland, Princeton, N. J.: Levi P. Morton, Gen. Miles, Rear Admiral Selfridge, William C. Whitney, O. H. P. Belmont, George Gould, C. M. Depew, Gen. O. O. Howard, the governors of fifteen states, the Mayors of fifty-two and a large number of other citizens in public and private life have accepted membership on a committee to erect a national monument by popular subscription to the men who went down the Maine.

"May we add your name to the list of national committeemen? The position will make no demand on your time."

"W. R. Hearst, New York Journal."

"Princeton, N. J., February 28, 1898.—To W. R. Hearst, New York Journal, New York: I decline to accept any sorrow for those who died on the Maine to be perverted to an advertising scheme for the New York Journal."

A Spanish Military Authority's Opinion of the Result.
Washington, March 31.—In the Madrid paper, La Epoca, Senor Genave, the famous Spanish military authority, tells his countrymen of the probable results of war: "Suppose that at the beginning of the war we sink the whole Yankee fleet, and even bombard with success two or three Yankee ports, will all end there? Oh, no. The Americans will not stand it, and the nation that from 1861 to 1865 put in arms more than 2,000,000 soldiers, raised powerful fleets, spent \$1,000,000,000 and lost nearly the same amount, will make such efforts then that, in spite of all my respect for Spanish patriotism, I cannot believe that Spain will be able to stand against it."

Now, can any man of sense believe that we can do to the United States what the Americans can not do to us? Is it not a nonsensical dream to think of a conquest of American territory? I am not doubting the courage of the Spaniards, but I believe that all the nations of Europe together are not strong enough to sever a foot of land from the United States.

"The whole war will be reduced to this: The Yankees will provide the insurgents with arms and ammunition, blockade the ports of Cuba and starve to death our army there, that subsists now exclusively on imported food."

"At the start the Yankees may destroy our whole navy, or we may destroy theirs, but in the long run they will get the advantage. All other things will be mere episodes of the war. The privaters on either side will amount to nothing in deciding where victory shall rest."

FOUR ADDITIONS.

The revival at the First Christian church continues to attract large and interested congregations, and last night there were four additions to the church.

The meeting will continue until Sunday, Rev. Spencer to remain and assist Rev. Pickerton.

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SAN FRANCISCO IS SHAKEN UP.

The Most Severe Earthquake in Its History Occurs This Morning—Much Property Is Lost.

LATE TELEGRAPHIC NEWS OF INTEREST.

Louisville, March 31.—Cannon & Byers, the oldest millinery firm in the city, made an assignment today. Liabilities, \$70,000, and assets \$60,000. The assignment caused great surprise as the firm has been supposed to be one of the solidest in the city.

San Francisco Shaken.
San Francisco, March 31.—The severest earthquake ever known in the history of this city occurred here this morning. Many houses were jarred to the ground, and widespread damage was done. Many narrow escapes are reported, but lives were lost.

At the Mare Island navy yard the damage done was especially heavy.

LOCATING ORPHANS' NEW HOME.

Committee of Odd Fellows Down at Bowling Green Yesterday Afternoon.

Bowling Green, Ky., March 31.—The committee appointed by the Odd Fellows to locate the Widows' and Orphans' Home of that order, arrived in this city Tuesday night. The committee is composed of William Lindsay, of Owenton; John S. Gaunt, of Carrollton, and Thos. J. Adkins, of Paducah. All day was spent in viewing the proposed sites offered by this city.

Today the members of the committee go to Lexington, and tomorrow will be spent at Millersburg. Saturday, April 2, the committee will meet in Louisville and will fix the location of the home at one of these three places.

Bowling Green has made a hard struggle for the home, and the general hope is that the committee will be unanimous in its recommendation of this city.

PROGRESS OF THE SOUTH.

Outstripping the North in the Manufacture of Cotton.

Boston, Mass., March 31.—The legislative committee on labor has a hearing on the reduction of wages in cotton factories at the state house this week. Agent W. S. Southworth, of the Massachusetts mills of Lowell, took the stand. He said that when a Southern manufacturer claimed that times were hard he meant that he was making but 20 per cent., where he used to make 40. His concern was negotiating a contract for China goods to be made at his Lowell mill in Georgia at a price which would just cover the cost of manufacture in Lowell.

There are 31,000 spindles in the company's Southern mill. Day

wages are 30 per cent. less than in the North; that is, price per hour. On the piece price the difference varies from 28 to 42 per cent. The material costs from one-half to three-quarters of a cent less for the Southern mill than it would be at the North, mainly from the saving of the freight.

The product of the Massachusetts mill in Lowell is using 18,000,000 pounds per year, so that difference would mean \$180,000 per year saving on the product, or 10 per cent. on the capital. The saving at the Georgia mills is \$70,000 on its 7,000,000 pounds product. Then a great deal of this product goes to China via Vancouver, and the freight is \$1 a bale less from Lowell to Vancouver than from Lowell.

Mr. Southworth said there was no special objection to the Massachusetts system of taxation. The trouble was mostly from threats of future legislation. Mr. Southworth said it would never do to undertake your competitor. The growth in South Carolina and North Carolina, Alabama and Georgia was simply astounding. To a question he responded that Fall River was not in it with the South on print cloth. The South can make print cloth for one-half less than Fall River, and that city must put in Norfolk looms. He was rather sarcastic in his references to newspaper advice to the Northern mills to make finer goods, which was what the managers had been doing a long time. "They tell us to put in Norfolk looms," said he, "but it would cost \$500,000 to change the machinery in the Massachusetts mills, and where is it coming from?"

Odd Fellows' Anniversary.
The seventy-seventh anniversary of Odd fellowship in America occurs April 26, and the Paducah lodge will probably celebrate the occasion.

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